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## **Liquor Control Commission March Underage Compliance Report**

SPRINGFIELD – In March of 2018, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks around the state and visited 90 businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited 6 for violations of liquor control laws.

This is a monthly aggregated report of all the underage compliance investigations conducted in the month of March. The ILCC may release results on individual investigations through shorter press releases throughout the month.

The monthly aggregated report lists all the results of ongoing undercover and cooperative law enforcement operations conducted by Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) agents, local law enforcement officials and volunteers from high schools and colleges. The teams randomly visit liquor stores, restaurants and bars in communities around the state to check for ongoing compliance with state laws mandating that no liquor is sold to minors under the age of 21. ILCC agents also work with local and state law enforcement agents to focus on communities with a high incidence of underage liquor sales.

Below is the bulleted list by location of which establishments violated the law by selling alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Because the visits are random in nature, certain areas of the State are visited at certain times of the year.

*Cook County* – March 14<sup>th</sup>, the ILCC and the Cook County Sheriff's Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 17 licensees checked, *one* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensee was:

7 ELEVEN #17016D, 3703 CENTRAL RD, GLENVIEW, IL 60025-3801

*Logan County* – March 16<sup>th</sup>, the ILCC and the Illinois State Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 24 licensees checked, *two* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- APPLE FOOD MART, 725 BROADWAY ST, LINCOLN, IL 62656-2837 (1 prior violation)
- DISCOUNT TOBACCO, 809 WOODLAWN RD, LINCOLN, IL 62656-1447

Schiller Park – March 21<sup>st</sup>, the ILCC and the Schiller Park Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 29 licensees checked, <u>zero</u> sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants.

*Springfield* – March 28<sup>th</sup>, the ILCC and the Illinois Secretary of State Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 20 licensees checked, <u>three</u> sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- CROWN PLAZA, 3000 S DIRKSEN PKWY, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703-4504
- HOOTERS OF SPRINGFIELD, 3241 HORIZON, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703-4599
- BLUE MARGARITA'S MEXICAN BAR AND GRILL, 3151 HORIZON, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

This report is a result of ongoing undercover and cooperative law enforcement operations conducted by agents of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC), local law enforcement officials and underage participants recruited from area high schools and colleges. The teams randomly visit liquor stores, restaurants and bars in communities around the state to check for ongoing compliance with state laws mandating that no liquor is sold to persons under 21 years old. ILCC agents also work with local and state law enforcement agents to focus on communities with a high incidence of underage liquor sales.

For information about hearings regarding checks, please visit the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's website: <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Pages/CalendarList.aspx">https://www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Pages/CalendarList.aspx</a>.